Now is the Time.

THE thing that offers it ſelf in this great *Conjuncture* is, to have a *Grand Committee* of *Lords* and *Commons* (Forty at leaſt from each Houſe) to be as a *Privy Council*, or *Council* of *State*, or governing *Senate*.

It were to be wiſhed, that Twenty of each Forty might be for life; and the other Twenty Biennial, Ten going off every Year. Or half might be changed Annually.

Each *Senator* or *Counſellor* to have for his Salary or Maintenance, a thouſand pound a Year. This would be ſuch an Advancement to the *Nobility* and *Gentry*, as *England* never ſaw. And the Charge is a Trifle. There is more ſpent in ſome *Monarchies* upon Hawks, Hounds, and Whores.

The *Prince* to preſide in this *Council* or *Senate* (or ſuch Perſon as he ſhall appoint in his ſtead) and to have *Ten Votes* at leaſt. He muſt alſo be *General* and *Admiral*; and muſt have ſuch further Powers, and ſuch a Maintenance or Revenue, as his infinite Merits require. But withal, ſuch as are conſiſtent with the *Government* he deſigns for us. The *Prince*'s Maintenance ſhould equal, or exceed, that of all the *Senators* put together.

All that are of this *Council*, and all that hope to be (that is, all the conſiderable Men of the Nation) will by this means be firm to the *Prince*. And ſo will thoſe others who have the great Priviledge of Chooſing them, whereby they may have confidence in their Adminiſtration. And this one thing will give the *Prince* ſo ſtrong an Intereſt, that he needs fear no Pretenſion that can be againſt him. It will be better than a *Standing Army*: the neceſſity whereof nothing can prevent, but ſuch a Standing Council.

The *Parliament* to be Choſen Triennially, and to meet Annually.

It is believed that ſuch a Conſtitution as this, would effectually ſecure us (according to the *Princes* good Intentions) from *Popery* and *Tyranny*. And the *Prince* will be the glorious Author of the *Britannique* Liberty, as his Great Grandfather was of the *Belgique*. The *Genoeſes* to this day adore the Memory of *Andrew Doria*, who choſe rather to make them a *Free State*, than to be their *Prince*. Barely to change Our *Maſter*, would but revive the Feuds of *York* and *Lancaſter*, and involve us in the like Calamities.

Theſe things to continue but during the Life of the *King*, and not to prejudice a Proteſtant Succeſſor.

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